

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3379

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMCONSUL ASMARA

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1635

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, ET

SUBJECT: KAGNEW FOUR: COMMENTS BY OSMAN SABBE

REF: A) DAMASCUS 4654 B) STATE 277294 C) MOGADISCIO 357 (NOTAL)

1. I HAVE HAD NO RPT NO CONTACT WITH PLF/ELF LEADER OSMAN SABBE  
OR INDEED ANY OTHER PLF/ELF REP. OSMAN SABBE WAS HERE IN  
MOGADISCIO IN MRACH AND MET WITH PRESIDENT SIAD ON MARCH 9 (REF C)  
BUT THIS WAS LONG BEFORE KAGNEW KIDNAPPINGS OF JULY AND  
SEPTEMBER.

2. I MIGHT ADD THAT WE WERE PUZZLED RECENTLY BY APPROACH  
MADE BY EGYPTIAN MIL ATTACHE COL. ABDEL-HALIM WHO ASKED  
WHETHER USG WAS IN CONTACT WITH PLF/ELF LEADERS THROUGH  
EMBASSY MOGADISCIO TO NEGOTIATE RELEASE OF AMERICANS TAKEN  
HOSTAGE AT KAGNEW. WE CATEGORICALLY DENIED THOSE REPORTS  
AND OUR DENIALS WERE ACCEPTED -- AT LEAST BY EGYPTIANS, BUT  
STORY MAY STILL HAVE SOME CREDENCE IN OTHER ARAB CAPITALS.  
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